

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 531

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

NURSES: Provides for forensic medical examinations of sexual assault survivors

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph), relative to forensic
3 medical examinations of sexual assault survivors; to require a healthcare facility or
4 hospital to offer forensic medical examinations to sexual assault survivors; to require
5 the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct audits; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1216.1. Procedures for survivors of a sexually oriented criminal offense;
11 immunity; regional plans; maximum allowable costs; definitions; documents
12 requested by victim

13 A. All licensed hospitals and healthcare providers in Louisiana shall offer
14 every sexual assault survivor information to receive the treatment provided for in this
15 Section. A licensed hospital or healthcare provider shall adhere to the following
16 procedures if a person presents for treatment as a sexual assault survivor:

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18 Section 2. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor shall conduct an audit of sexual assault
19 advocacy services, the sexual assault nurse examiners programs, the sexual assault regional

- 1 plans, the availability of sexual assault forensic medical exams, and sexual assault services
2 funding in this state.
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DIGEST

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Abstract Requires a licensed healthcare facility or hospital to offer treatment and examinations to sexual assault survivors.

Present law requires all licensed hospitals and healthcare providers in this state to adhere to certain procedures for the treatment of sexual assault survivors.

Proposed law requires a licensed healthcare facility or hospital to offer information to receive treatment and examinations to sexual assault survivors.

Proposed law adds that the Louisiana Legislative Auditor shall conduct an audit of multiple services, programs, exams, and plans.

(Amends R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(intro. para.))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Require hospitals and providers to offer information to survivors to receive treatment.
2. Require the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct an audit of sexual assault advocacy services, the sexual assault nurse examiners programs, the sexual assault regional plans, the availability of sexual assault forensic medical exams, and sexual assault services funding in this state.